

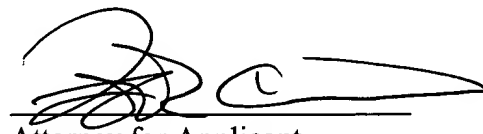
REMARKS

As an initial matter, Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesies extended to Applicant's representative during a telephonic interview on July 26, 2005. In that interview, Applicant's representative discussed with the Examiner the general nature of the above amendments to the claims. The Examiner provisionally agreed that, subject to review, entry of the amendments would be proper under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312.

The foregoing amendments to Claims 25, 34 and 43 were made to improve correspondence to the embodiment described in the specification. Applicant submits that no new matter was added, and therefore it is not believed that the allowability of the claims has been affected.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Frank L. Cire', is written over a horizontal line.

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